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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Skies were cloudy during much of the week, with light to moderate rains Friday over most of the eastern and north-central portions of the State, becoming heavy in the northeastern corner. A little light snow or freezing rain has also fallen in the west Sunday night. Humidity was high. Temperatures averaged slightly below normal, with seasonable to rather warm weather during the first four days of the week, and a marked change to the colder thereafter.

CROPS Corn and sorghum harvest made slow progress again last week. It was the fourth straight week that harvest was held up by wet conditions. Fields were dry enough for machinery to operate for a few days during the latter part of the week, but moisture content of the grain is still too high for safe harvest and storage. Farmers were using drying equipment in some instances to reduce moisture content of harvested grain. Others were taking a chance on cribbing their corn even though the moisture content was on the high side. Nevertheless, progress of harvest was little better than "snail pace" with only about 14 percent of the corn crop picked by the end of last week. At the corresponding time last year, nearly 85 percent of the 1956 corn crop was picked.

Harvest of sorghums was even slower than for corn with combining nearly at a standstill. Only a little over 10 percent of the crop was combined by the end of last week. Sorghum harvest was being side-tracked for soybeans, hay and other crops. The high moisture content of sorghum grain is dropping very slowly.

The outlook for an immediate pick-up in the rate of harvest is gloomy following additional rains with cloudy skies and high humidity.

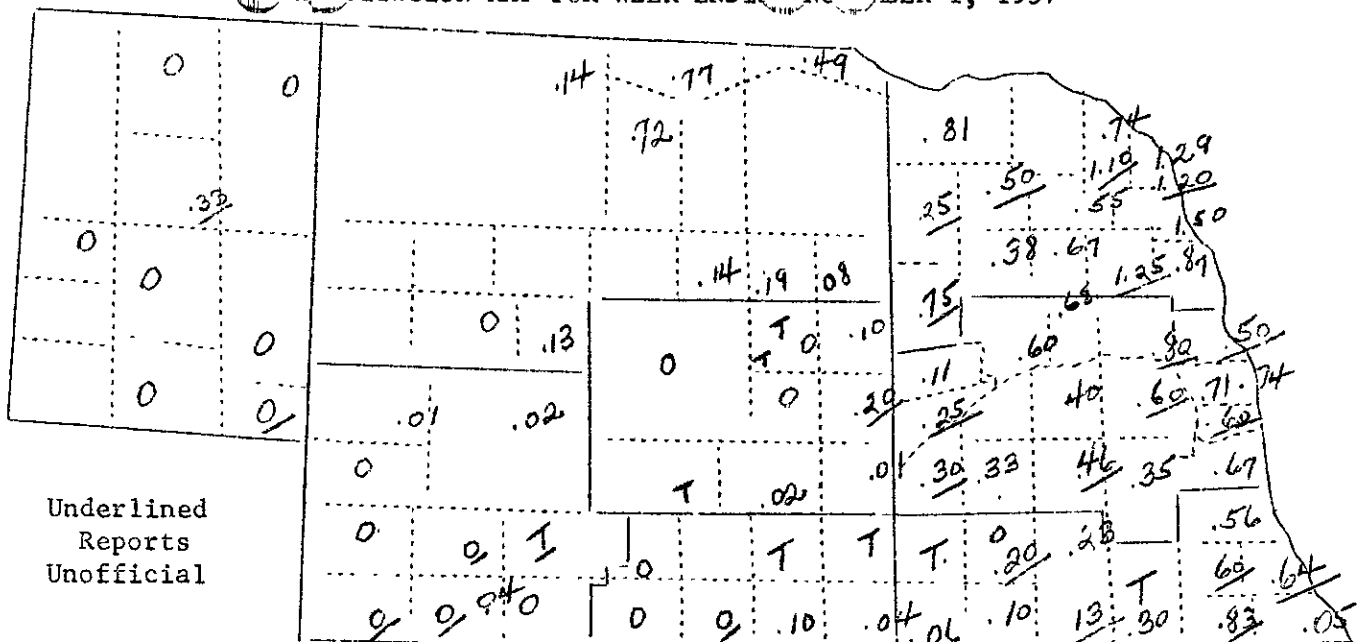
Potato and sugar beet harvest made strides in the Panhandle during a few days of favorable harvest weather last week. Potato digging is about finished and sugar beet harvest is over half done. Some soybeans are still to be cut in the northeastern counties and a few farmers here and there are still baling hay. This year's hay crop is the biggest on record and the haying season has lasted longer than usual.

Winter wheat continued to make good to excellent progress. Soil moisture tests reveal the best moisture supply for wheat in years. The crop has good color, well tillered, a strong root growth and has established a good ground cover which should reduce future damage from soil blowing. Wheat fields are offering abundant pasture feed for livestock in some sections.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING Nov. 4, 1957

	<u>East</u>		<u>Central</u>		<u>West</u>
Grand Island	.02	Burwell	.19	Chadron	.01
Lincoln	.35	North Platte	.05	Imperial	0
Norfolk	.38	Valentine	.14	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.75			Sidney	.01
Sioux City	1.29				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 1957



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		October						November							
		29th		30th		31st		1st		2d		3rd		4th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	53	30	59	38	73	42	60	41	43	32	37	27	33	28
	Scottsbluff	57	29	61	35	74	39	67	41	50	33	39	29	32	29
	Sidney	56	28	62	35	72	37	67	41	53	32	37	27	31	27
NC	Burwell	60	32	60	29	--	--	--	--	--	--	33	27	--	--
	Valentine	61	31	--	--	68	37	62	40	44	31	33	28	32	28
NE	Norfolk	57	37	57	32	62	35	70	45	50	38	44	32	34	31
	Sioux City	58	38	56	33	61	35	66	44	50	44	48	34	36	34
Cen	Grand Island	55	35	60	34	67	43	70	49	55	38	39	33	35	32
EC	Lincoln	58	42	59	41	66	43	68	51	59	43	45	34	39	34
	Omaha	56	36	58	33	62	40	65	37	54	44	42	34	36	32
SW	Imperial	61	32	65	35	71	33	67	37	59	36	46	27	33	28
	North Platte	63	25	61	30	70	39	68	51	51	36	40	29	33	30

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